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THE DIRECTOR

One of the recommendations of the Inspector General in his Report of Survey of the Junior Officer Training Program, dated 2 February 1956, was "that Agency sponsorship of the military service of draft-eligible JOT candidates be terminated." In submitting my comments on the Inspector General's Survey, dated 21 March 1956, I recommended and you approved postponement of decision on this recommendation.

Attached is a memorandum from the Director of Training with supporting attachments recommending that Agency sponsorship of the military service of draft-eligible JOTs be continued. I concur in the Director of Training's recommendations, and recommend your approval of continuance of this program.

The Inspector General's recommendation that the program be discontinued was based upon (a) the high attrition rate and (b) the possibility of embarrassment to the Agency by being vulnerable to allegations or charges that the Agency is assisting young men to avoid the military service draft.

I believe the Director of Training's position on the high attrition rate is sound and that, in the long run, the Agency stands to benefit from this program despite the losses. As to the other reason, present programs sponsored by the armed services greatly reduce, if not eliminate, the possibility of causing embarrassment to the Agency.

Recommend approval of continuance of this program.

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